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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German airfields and air force activities, received prior to 20 April 1955:

A. Aircraft Counted Outside Hangars:

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1. MIG-15's:

Erfurt-Bindersleben: 4 on 6 April.  
Jueterbog: 27 on 11 April.  
Laerz: 56 on 7 April.  
Merseburg: 22 on 9 April.  
Neuruppin: 17 on 7 April.  
Puetnitz: 8 on 3 April.

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2. IL-10's:

Doeberitz: at least 18 on 13 April.  
Stendal: 20 on 9 April.

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3. IL-28's:

Oranienburg: 32 on 7 April.

4. LI-2's:

Dresden-Klotzsche: 3 on 7 April.

5. YAK-11's:

Bautzen-Litten: 13 on 5 April.

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6. PO-2's:

Schoenwalde: 4 on 5 April.

7. No Aircraft:

Brandis on 16 April.  
Gross Doelln on 16 April.  
Schoenhauser Damm on 5 April.

B. Air Activities:1. General:

Between 5 and 13 April, air units of the 24th Air Army practiced flying mostly in elements of two and four and in aircraft flying individually.

2. Jueterbog:

On 31 March, about 20 jet fighters took part in flying practices at Jueterbog airfield. Some aircraft had a pitot tube at the wing tips, and had a slightly slimmer fuselage and a higher speed than the MIG-15's.<sup>1</sup>

3. Merseburg:

On 10 April, one formation of four and one of three aircraft, [redacted] 25X1  
not previously observed at this airfield, landed at Merseburg. Both formations were led by MIG-15's [redacted] 25X1

The newly arriving aircraft differed slightly from the MIG-15's, and appeared to have a nose-shaped bulge in the lower part of the air intake. Between 0800 and 1200 hours on 13 April, twelve LI-2's landed at Merseburg and took off again after thirty minutes.<sup>2</sup>

C. Troop Arrivals:1. Oranienburg:

On 3 April, approximately 1100 Soviet air force soldiers were observed at Oranienburg airfield. A general officer was expected to arrive. Food was supplied from Werneuchen.

2. Gross Doelln:

In late March, bombs believed to have been FAB 50 and FAB 100 types were stored in the ammunition dump at the airfield.<sup>3</sup> On 6 April, two LI-2's occupied by one general and twelve other officers landed at Gross Doelln and took off after about 40 minutes. On 14 April, five boxcars with ammunition were dispatched from Finowfurt to Gross Doelln. On 16 April, no aircraft were observed; two DF stations had been set up, and temporary runway lights had been laid. On the same day, 28 tank trucks arrived, including two semi-trailers.

3. Rothenburg:

On 26 March, two 85-mm anti-aircraft guns were shipped from Strausberg to Lodenau near Rothenburg airfield. At about the same time, two boxcars loaded with military goods were sent from Werneuchen to Lodenau.<sup>4</sup>

4. Other Airfields:

No information on any new occupation of the airfields at Tutow and Erfurt-Bindersleben has been received. One train loaded with troops, trucks and fuel containers went from Frankfurt/Oder toward Cottbus on 5 April. A similar train followed the next day. The receiving stations are unknown.

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D. Construction Projects:1. Dresden-Klotzsche:

During April, workers for a construction project - allegedly a new runway - at Dresden-Klotzsche airfield were hired at the Strausberg construction site of Bau-Union Sued.

2. Gross Doelln:

About 750 workers were employed here on 20 March.

3. Jueterbog:

The old fuel containers in the southern fuel dump on the field were replaced with containers which had newly arrived.

4. Querfurt:

About 500 men were at work here on 20 March.

5. Tutow:

On 20 March, the construction force consisted of about 200 men.

E. Rail Fuel Shipments:1. Brandis:

From 5 to 14 April, 40 cubic meters of fuel arrived.

2. Jueterbog:

Fourteen tank cars with 285 cubic meters of fuel arrived on 31 March.

3. Merseburg:

Eleven tank cars arrived during the period from 9 to 13 April.

4. Werneuchen:

From 9 March to 11 April, 36 tank cars arrived from Ruhland, one from Gross Korbetha, 13 from Frankfurt/Oder, three from Boehlen and 18 from Oranienburg. The latter 18 cars had been shipped to Oranienburg from the USSR.

F. Miscellaneous:

The recruiting drive for Korea continued among personnel of the VEB Ing. Tiefbau Brandenburg.

1. [ ] Comment: The pitot tubes at the wing tips indicate that the aircraft are MIG-17's.

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2. [ ] Comment: [ ] The landing of an unusually large number of LI-2's indicates the possible arrival of special personnel or special equipment. It is believed that the fighter units at Jueterbog and Merseburg are about to be reequipped with MIG-17's.

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4. [ ] Comment: Supply shipments from Werneuchen usually go to bomber airfields. For this reason, and also because two shipments went from Brest Litovsk to Lodenau on 20 and 26 March, it is assumed that Rothenburg airfield will be, or already is, occupied by a bomber unit. At least one bomber regiment is stationed at Oranienburg,

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and a bomber unit is apparently also expected at Gross Doelln. This leads to the conclusion that a newly arriving bomber division will be based on the airfields at Oranienburg, Gross Doelln and Rothenburg.

[REDACTED] Comment: A shipment of 18 fuel containers, observed on its way via Werder to Guben, may actually have gone to Jueterbog.

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